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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicants' attorney appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Mitchell during the interview on February 14, 2005. Set forth below is Applicants' attorney's recollection of the subject matter discussed.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

An exhibit was shown and discussed which consisted of a shadow box demonstrating the nails of the instant invention to those of the prior art and Applicants' fastener and connector system.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claim 14 was discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Three cited references, Campbell (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,917), Schwartz (U.S. Patent No. 5,181,439) and Campbell (U.S. Patent No. 4,894,963), were discussed.

Results of Interview

The Examiner noted that systems could include kit and kits are considered patentable.

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REMARKS

Claims 14, 17-19 and 46-48 have been amended. Claims 1-13, 15-16 and 20-45 have been canceled. New dependent Claims 49-54 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that previously withdrawn Claims 18-19 and 46-48 are dependent on generic Claim 14 and are, therefore, allowable if Claim 14 is allowed.

Independent Claim 14 was rejected as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,511,917 to Dickson in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,894,963 to Campbell. As discussed during the Interview, Dickson fails to teach the amended claim limitation of a color identifying at least two physical properties of a fastener and visibility. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

If any minor obstacles to allowability are noted which may be corrected by Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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